

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (January-March 2012)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 02/07/12, 7pm, 30 min.

How much will you have to pay for your child's college education? US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan visited Boston today to talk with students and address concerns that college tuition costs are spiraling out of control.

Greater Boston, L, 02/24/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Lynn city and school officials are cracking down on a group of teens who cheered on and recorded a vicious fight between two teenage girls. Lynn Mayor Judith Flanagan Kennedy tells Emily how the city is handling the incident and how everyone will be punished.

Greater Boston, L 03/08/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Jared Bowen profiles the Handel and Haydn Society's Collaborative Youth Concerts program that takes high school students from the choir hall to Symphony Hall.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 02/07/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The gaping hole at Downtown Crossing has been an embarrassing eyesore for over three years. But last week, Boston officials announced a developer could start filling the hole within a year. Find out how the plans could alter Boston's landscape and what nearby small businesses think of the news.

Greater Boston, L 02/24/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Would you want a casino in your backyard? Suffolk Downs is an odds-on favorite for one of Massachusetts' three casinos. Greater Boston's Adam Reilly asks East Boston residents what they think of the possibility ? and looks at the nascent push to keep a casino out.

Greater Boston, L 02/24/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Calling them eyesores and a blight on some neighborhoods, Boston city councilor Sal LaMattina says he wants to ban satellite companies from installing their dishes on building facades.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 01/04/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Last month, a jury convicted Sudbury resident Tarek Mehanna on terrorism charges including conspiracy to kill. Mehanna's family tells Emily why they believe the trial was a miscarriage of justice.

Greater Boston, L 01/26/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The community of Newton was rattled last week when an elementary school teacher was arrested on child pornography charges. Newton school superintendent David Fleishman tells Emily how parents and students are handling the shocking news.

Greater Boston, L 02/28/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Former House Speaker Sal DiMasi's return to New England to testify before a federal grand jury has Beacon Hill lawmakers on edge. Are indictments over the state's Probation Department hiring scandal coming down the pipeline?

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, 01/06/12, 7pm, 30 min.

The conservative movement was largely expected to vanish after the financial meltdown of 2008. So how did the movement manage such a successful comeback so quickly? Author, editor, and columnist Thomas Frank examines the conservative resurgence in his new book, *Pity the Billionaire*.

Greater Boston, 01/26/12, 7pm, 30 min.

A year after he publicly disclosed he has Lou Gehrig's disease, former Massachusetts Governor Paul Cellucci sits down with Emily to talk about his personal struggle, and why he believes we may be close to a medical breakthrough in fighting the disease.

Greater Boston, 02/29/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Boston's ban on raising chickens in residential neighborhoods is ruffling the feathers of some residents. While some want to change city regulations, others fear allowing chicken coops will create a nuisance in some neighborhoods.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 02/22/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Over the weekend, hundreds of job-seekers turned out at a hiring event hosted by the newly renovated Needham farm stand Volante Farms. In this economy are small businesses the key to finding work?

Greater Boston, L 03/15/12, 7pm, 30 min.

What is the economic impact of the Boston Blackout? Utility workers are still scrambling to get the lights back on for thousands of Boston residents, businesses, hotels, and restaurants after a fire destroyed two transformers causing power outages across the city.

Moyers & Company, N 03/21/12, 7pm, 60 min.

Big banks are rewriting the rules of our economy to the exclusive benefit of their own bottom line. But how did our political and financial class shift the benefits of the economy to the very top, while saddling us with greater debt and tearing new holes in the safety net?

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 02/28/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Maybe you've been enjoying the unseasonably warm winter. But the lack of snow could come with a price for flowers, grass, and other plants that are convinced spring has arrived early. Find out what effects the mild winter could have on your garden with meteorologist David.

Greater Boston, L 03/08/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Andrew Martinez has decades of experience photographing marine life from the Atlantic Ocean to the Caribbean. Tonight, Martinez talks about the upcoming Boston Sea Rovers Clinic and the latest edition of his guidebook, Marine Life of the Atlantic.

Greater Boston, L 03/09/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Have you noticed problems with your electronic devices? Don't take this the wrong way, but the explanation is way over your head. A massive solar storm reached Earth's atmosphere Thursday morning and could cause problems for GPS navigators, airline control, and power grids.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Moyers & Company, N 02/26/12, 7pm, 60 min.

Is it fair for parents to opt out of vaccinations for their children on the basis of religion or philosophy -- and how many pay the price for that decision? In a new broadcast essay, Bill Moyers weighs the value of personal liberty versus the greater public health.

Greater Boston, L 02/29/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Iraq war veteran Kevin Lambert knows firsthand that transitioning from military to civilian life can be a struggle for vets. Lambert talks with Emily about his new role at the Department of Veterans' Services where he helps other vets with homelessness, substance abuse--and staying out of prison.

Greater Boston, L 03/01/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Thirty years ago, after making an emotional and unprecedented nationwide plea to find an organ donor, Charles Fiske's daughter Jamie became the world's youngest liver transplant recipient at only 11 months. Fiske gives Emily an update on Jamie's life and his recent efforts to help those in need.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 01/18/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Facing a budget gap of \$161 million, the MBTA is considering raising T fares and cutting services in order to make ends meet. MassDOT Secretary Richard Davey explains what this could mean for your daily commute.

Greater Boston, L 01/24/12, 7pm, 30 min.

What is the Farm Bill? Every five years, Congress reviews and evaluates the legislative package that effects everything from the food you eat to the price you'll pay for it. Let's Talk About Food founder Louisa Kasdon and local Farm Aid representative Hilde Steffey explain what impact the Farm Bill could have on your grocery bills.

Greater Boston, L 01/25/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Are you paying your fair share of taxes? And what do you consider "fair"? The release of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney's tax returns revives the debate over tax fairness and who deserves to pay what.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 01/20/12, 7pm, 30 min.

Three years ago, Colin Bower's wife kidnapped the couple's two sons and fled to her native Egypt. This past weekend, Bower was finally able to see his sons for the first time in over a year. Colin Bower talks with Emily about his emotional reunion and his fight to get his sons back.

Greater Boston, L 03/01/12 7pm, 30 min.

The Mormon Church's practice of posthumously baptizing non-Mormons is once again drawing criticism after it was revealed that murdered reporter Daniel Pearl was baptized by proxy last year. Is it a harmless goodwill gesture, or is it one religion imposing its doctrine over others?

Finding Your Roots, N 03/25/12 7pm, 30 min.

The series combines history and science in a fascinating exploration of race, family, and identity in today's America. Each hour features a different pair of celebrity guests, who are bound together by an intimate, sometimes hidden link, whether it be as old friends, through long-lost relatives, or even through a common ancestral past.